

foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word." As I write these an old social song comes to mind and I break out:

"Of in the stilly night E'er slumber's chain has bound me, Fond memory brings the light Of other days around me." DAN CARPENTER.

Memories of Fairfield

Webster City, Iowa.—Hello, Bill: Have been reading your stuff in The Commoner lately, and they make me think of old times—carried me back to the old days in Fairfield. Do you remember Fairfield? Of course you

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do, but don't expect that you remember me; yet I used to know you in those days, somewhere in the 80's, was it not? I was a subscriber to the Fairfield—what did you call it—published by Maupin and Burkhalter. But that was ages ago. You went your way, and I stayed at the old home until about eight years ago, since when I've been a kind of "tramp," at home wherever I happen to be; always get enough to eat and clothing enough—at present—to keep me warm. But back to Fairfield. Of course you remember the "old timers," Ray, Prentiss, and others, and the pictures of the leading men of the town. The last one, I think, was the editor of the Herald, and looked about like this "O." And in later years, our own "Marsh," he of "speakership and Elderberry" fame who, in earlier life "come thru the rye" with Jenny Lind. Well, you know Marsh was a good story teller and I've heard him tell a good many, and some day when I can stand the exercise, I'll send you one that I heard him tell one day when we were in Lincoln at the state alliance. And the "old times"—well, I believe they were away ahead of what we have now. Some day I may tell you of the days and times we used to have at "Kentuck" and "Goosecreek" back in Illinois, south of Farmer City. I think you've been there. But for the present—think that I'd better ring off. G. P. KARR.

McLean, Texas.—Editor Whether Common or Not: One of the funniest stories I ever heard was of two Irishmen, Mike and Jimmy, who were seated together at a dining table in America. Mike, spying some bright pods of red pepper, seized and devoured one, with the result that the tears rolled down his cheeks in streams. "Why are yez cryin' Mike?" asked Jimmie. "I just happened to remember that me father died just a year ago today," replied Mike. Pretty soon Jimmy spied he peppers and ate one. When Mike saw the tears rolling down Jimmie's cheeks he asked: "An' why are yez cryin', Jimmie?" Wiping the tears from his eyes, Jimmie replied: "Because yez didn't die when yer father did." Referring to Senator Owen's question, give us the initiative, referendum and recall, the election of federal judges and senators by the people and The Commoner in every home, and we will do the rest. J. N. BULMAN.

Michigan City, Indiana.—Editor Whether Common or Not: Speaking of old songs, I recall "Molly Darling," because it was a general favorite in my young days, and I still love it. A story that struck me as being very funny was that of the Irishman who happened to be a witness of the murder of a man. At the trial the surgical experts testified that the murdered man had been shot between the duodenum and the diaphragm. When Pat was called upon to testify he acknowledged having seen the murder, but when asked if the man had been shot between the duodenum and the diaphragm he said: "He was not. He was shot between the pig pen and the smoke house." G. W. WASH.

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